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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003, please amend claims 4 and 7 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

4. (amended) An improved board anchor for securing a board to a wall member, said wall member having an opening formed therethrough, comprising:

a threaded shaft having a longitudinal axis;

a freely rotating anchor section attached to the screw shaft, said anchor section comprising a channel shaped member having spaced apart, downwardly extending flange portions, each flange portion having a shaped opening formed therein;

a rotatable threaded attachment ring having first and second protrusions formed on the perimeter of said attachment ring, said protrusions adapted to engage the corresponding opening formed on said anchor section, said threaded shaft being threadly coupled to said attachment ring prior to the insertion of said anchor portion within said wall member opening, said attachment ring protrusions and said shaped openings enabling said threaded shaft to be initially positioned substantially parallel to said